

C. Remarks

The claims are 1, 10, 14-20 and 22, with claims 1 and 22 being independent. Claim 21 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 10, 14-20 and 22 are allowed; as a result of the cancellation of claim 21, only allowed claims remain in the present case. Reconsideration of the present claims is respectfully requested.

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. While Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, Applicants have nonetheless cancelled claim 21 in an effort to expedite allowance of this case. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the §112 rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, favorable reconsideration and passage to issue of the present case is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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